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Special Hearing & Mobility Open Week...

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Mr. S. Kassam, Kettering.



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Hearing Aids Q&A's

If you are unsure about anything, our fully qualified hearing aid audiologists are there to help you with any queries you may have.

- Q** If I start to wear a hearing aid will it make my own hearing worse?
- A** No. A correctly fitted aid cannot make your hearing deteriorate. Using an aid, in fact, relieves you of straining to hear.
- Q** I don't want to commit myself to buying an aid right away - should I still have a hearing test?
- A** Yes, your test is completely without obligation and we would certainly not want to put you under any pressure at all to have a hearing aid. Our dispenser will give you his best advice. It's always wise to know the type and above all the cost of an aid to suit your own requirements should you decide at a later date.
- Q** I see so many different types of hearing aids advertised. Are they all available from Hearing & Mobility?
- A** Yes. Because Hearing & Mobility are independent hearing aid audiologists and not manufacturers, we have every type of aid to choose from, so that our dispenser can offer you the best possible aid for your particular problem.
- Q** I know I don't need to wear an aid all the time. I can hear quite well when just one person is speaking. Can Hearing & Mobility help this very mild type of deafness?
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FREE EVERY WEEK

The past week in
Chronicle & Echo
headlines

Chief Constable of Northamptonshire, Adrian Lee, has defended his force which has more civilians than offices



The launch of Northampton Market Square's water feature has been delayed because the drains are not big enough



Family and friends have paid tribute to popular teenager Danny Townsend, 19, who died after crashing his car



ANGER AT ROAD FENCE DELAYS

YOUNG lives could be put at risk this summer by delays to build a 1km metal fence along a busy Northampton road, warn campaigners.

Last year, following the tragic death of 13-year-old Sophie Bywaters, the Highways Agency faced a flurry of calls to improve safety conditions on the A45 dual carriageway, near the Wootton turn-off.

Children in East Hunsbury and Wootton often try to cross the busy road, which has claimed several casualties and carries a 60mph limit.

In December last year, the Agency agreed to put up a two-metre high steel fence along the central reservation, between the Wootton bridge and the Queen Eleanor turning.

However, campaigners have since grown frustrated by the lack of progress on the project, which was initially supposed to be finished by spring this year. Highways bosses now say the work will not be started until the autumn and have blamed the delay on the election, something campaigners say is unacceptable.

Gemma Whitlock, who collected more than 2,000 signatures calling for a fence to be put up, said: "I am absolutely gutted. I think this should be top of their list of priorities. If they don't put in a fence by the summer then there will be more children crossing that road. They are putting more people at risk."

Gemma was left lying in a coma for six weeks after she was knocked over on the same stretch of road in 1987.

Our sister daily paper, the *Chronicle & Echo*, has launched a campaign to get things moving and both Brian Binley, the MP for Northampton South, and Andrea Leadsom, the new MP for South Northamptonshire, have written to the Highways Agency demanding they speed up the process.



The busy 60mph A45, where Sophie Bywaters died, is often crossed by schoolchildren

Shotgun farmer is jailed

A CHICKEN farmer who pointed a loaded shotgun at a hot air balloonist and told him to "get off my land" when he landed on her Northamptonshire farm, has been jailed for 18 months.

Marie Dring, aged 50, repeatedly shouted at Martin Henley – who had been taking a balloon ride over the county with his wife to celebrate a special occasion – when it crash landed on a field near Potterspury.

Northampton Crown Court heard that during Dring's "wholly disproportionate" response to the incident, she deliberately poked Mr Henley in the chest with a double-barrelled shotgun, then loaded it with two cartridges and poked him again.

She later claimed in police interviews she had poked him with a stick.

James House, prosecuting, told the court Dring was "extremely angry and ranting", when she discovered a group of friends had followed Mr Henley's balloon on to her farm and were drinking on her land without her permission.

David Matthew, defending, said Dring had only threatened the group because they had trespassed on her land without permission during the incident, which took place in September last year.

"She became angry to discover they were drinking champagne on her property without her permission," he added.

Dring, who has degrees in philosophy and criminology, will now spend 18 months in prison.

Sentencing, Judge Michael Fowler said: "It was a reaction borne out of annoyance and frustration."

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The Mayor of Northampton, Councillor Michael Hill, officially opens the new play park at The Racecourse

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Play area now open

A NEW £85,000 adventure play area in The Racecourse has been officially opened by the Mayor of Northampton.

Northampton Borough Councillor Michael Hill, and his wife Margaret, unveiled a plaque in the park last week to mark the completion of building work which includes the installation of a zip wire, a five-person buddy swing, a giant slide and a six-metre pyramid climbing net.

The equipment has been installed over the past four months by Miracle Play and Design and the opening ceremony was attended by dozens of children who took up the opportunity to be the first to try out the new play area.

Councillor Hill said: "I welcome this facility and I think it is going to be something younger teenagers are going to really benefit from. It has the particular advantage of having equipment which has an element of risk and has height which is a wonderful thing."

The Friends of Northampton Racecourse (FoNR), Northampton Borough Council and a number of other agencies have been working in partnership for five years to deliver the new adventure play area.

FoNR successfully bid for the money from the Playbuilder fund, which aims to change the way that play spaces are commissioned, designed and developed.

The play space, which is situated in the middle of park near to the basketball court, has been specifically designed to appeal to children aged from 10 to 15 years old.

Steve Summers, of The Friends of Northampton Racecourse, said: "It's so exciting to so many people using the equipment. It has been a lot of hard work but it was about partnership and getting local groups to come together."

"There is still some tweaking of the area to do as unfortunately the weather has prevented grass from growing," he added.

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Parents make safety plea

PARENTS have called for a greater emphasis to be placed on teaching young children about road safety and for more lollipop ladies to go on patrol following a serious accident near a Northampton primary school.

Last Thursday morning, an 11-year-old pupil at East Hunsbury Primary School was knocked over as she crossed Butts Road, in Blacky More, on her way to school.

She was taken to hospital with a suspected broken leg and fractured skull.

Parents at the school were divided about the need for additional safety

measures to be installed near the school.

Catherine Wrigley, of Rea Close, said: "I think they should bring back lollipop ladies and I think there could be a lot more that could be done in terms of general education rather than just relying on parents and their different methods."

"I don't think the roads are particularly bad. They are busy, but they are always going to be busy in a built up area."

Fellow mum, Sonya Wallis, said: "I would like to see more crossings but then you can't put crossings everywhere can you? I do think a lollipop lady would be a good idea though."

Another mum, who asked not to be

named, said: "I think there is a requirement for a crossing because there are shops there, bus stops, so there is a clear need for people to cross that road."

Headteacher of East Hunsbury Primary School, Rita Arundel, said: "We are always concerned about road safety close to the school, as are many parents, and the number of cars on the road and the number of cars that are parked outside the school."

"But this particular accident was away from the school and when the girl, who is a lovely, lovely sensible girl, was walking to school and we wish her a speedy recovery," she added.



Parents have called for safety improvements near East Hunsbury Primary School

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A total of 12 officers forced their way into a property in St Michaels Road at about 5.30pm on Friday after they received a tip-off from a member of the public through the Crimestoppers phone line.

The five men, who are believed to be Romanian nationals, were arrested on suspicion of possessing forged cheque books and passports.

The group of 12 officers, which included members of Weston Favell CID and the local safer community team, raided the property after obtaining a search warrant from Northampton Magistrates' Court.

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Tragedy after car accident



Flowers left at the scene of the fatal accident in Guilsborough High Street over the weekend

A VILLAGE was in mourning this week after a popular teenager was killed in a car accident, less than half a mile from his family home.

Danny Townsend, aged 19, died during the early hours of Saturday morning after apparently losing control of his car while driving through Guilsborough.

The crash took place in High Street, in the centre of the village and just minutes from his home in West Haddon Road.

Floral tributes were left at the scene of the accident over the weekend. One, from a friend named Jack, read: "A young life, taken early. I'm gonna miss you. Look after yourself."

The Mace family added: "Whata

tragic loss to the world a great lad that will be missed. We are truly sorry you're gone but our lives are better for having known you."

A tribute left from Kellie said: "Baby you're my hero. I love you so much forever and always. I miss you so much, my Mr Perfect."

Residents in the village said they were shocked to learn of Danny's death. One, who asked not to be named, said: "Everyone in the village knew Danny, he was a great lad. It's still very raw and we're all very upset about what has happened."

Northamptonshire Police has appealed for anyone who saw the crash to come forward with information.

Duty inspector Carl Sturman

said: "At 00.48am on Saturday a fatal road traffic collision occurred in High Street, Guilsborough. A blue Honda Civic lost control for unknown reasons and was in collision with a parked dumper truck."

"The 19-year-old driver was fatally injured at the scene."

Northamptonshire Fire & Rescue service said firefighters from Guilsborough and Brixworth were called to try to free the teenager from his car, spending more than two hours at the scene of the crash.

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The national scheme, which launched on April 1, 2009, has seen a total of 131,619 free swims taken in Northampton in the first 12 months.

The initiative, run at the town's three council run pools, Danes Camp, Lings Forum and Mounts Baths, has already seen 28,094 swimmers sign up for the

free sessions, with nine out of 10 participants under the age of 16.

A report, which was due to be discussed by members of Northampton Borough Council's cabinet last night, reveals the authority has been ranked as the highest non-metropolitan district council in the country for the number of under-16 free swims.

Ian Redfern, head of culture and leisure service at The Guildhall, said: "This ranks Northampton above large cities like Manchester, Liverpool and Newcastle illustrating that the take up by the people of Northampton is outstanding in terms of population and number of

pools." The report also reveals the council has actually made a profit from the initiative, despite the scheme leaving a £127,000 hole in the council's swimming budget. The council also faced additional costs, from extra admin, more life-guarding, chemicals and other items, totalling £36,000.

However, the shortfall was compensated by Government grants, while an additional £27,500 was generated from additional locker use and other activities. Mr Redfern said: "This is extremely positive with an overall financial gain of £47,125 on the previous year rather than the forecasted loss of income."



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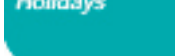
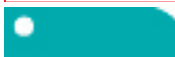
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But the straight-up, no-frills, combination of big small car and big-hearted small engines take the Fiat from being a mere supermini to a 'superb-mini'.

Yes, I really, really like the Punto Evo: It does the roomy, economical, family

transport job so well that there's very little to pick fault with. It is more than five inches longer than the Ford Fiesta, which means a more spacious cabin, a bigger boot, and better back-seat accommodation.

As the lighter, nimbler, leaner sibling of the popular Grande Punto, the Evo shows that Fiat has at last grasped the less-is-more supermini mantra and taken the hatchback a step further by providing much more.

Yet pricing remains very competitive, kicking off at £10,985 for the three-door 1.4-litre petrol Active version, and topping out

at £15,560 for the fully-equipped, very frugal, 1.3-litre diesel Eleganza five-door automatic.

That diesel can deliver close to 70mpg overall, so it suits the Punto Evo's eager-to-please character far better, although the 1.4-litre petrol, available, like the oil-burner, with differing power outputs, is quite likeable. The supplied five-door 1.4-litre Punto Evo Dynamic has 105 brake horses to go at, harnessed to a six-speed manual gearbox and start-stop technology, which is just right for city streets.

Combined mpg here is 49.6, and you'll

achieve close to that by heeding the change-gear warning light on the instrument panel.

But fuel economy nosedives on the motorway, because it's necessary to ignore the "shift" alert and work the closely-gated transmission hard to galvanise the Punto Evo into legal-limit action.

The Dynamic's top speed is 115mph, but I would imagine getting there is a lengthy process, given that it seems to be running out of steam at 70mph. The real power is there in the 20 to 50mph range. Thus, to improve on upper-limit performance, and the 0 to 62mph time of 10.8 seconds, get the 135bhp, fully turbo'd version of this four-cylinder engine.

Driving the Fiat presents no surprises: The steering is weighted right, the suspension behaves well on all surfaces, and the car is easy to park in tight spots.

It's clear in the Punto Evo that Fiat has abandoned its usual habit of watching the pennies when it comes to kitting out the cabin, for it is put together with materials of the first quality: It's certainly up to Fiesta standards.

And the colour-contrast, pierced-effect vinyl that wraps around the upper centre console and side air vents in pricier Evos - best choice is a very jazzy blue, with the supplied maroon alternative invoking a more sombre air - not only looks stylish, but will also help secure a quick sale in the car's later life.

Dynamic trim means electric front windows only, door mirrors are powered, it gets remote locking, climate control, and there are Bluetooth and satnav in there ready to take the toys. Total price of this model is £13,685, but try and find another £400 for Eleganza specification: It adds cruise control, rain and rear-parking sensors, and electronic stability control safety.

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Sport

Hall to play for says skipper Andrew

THERE is still plenty to play for this season according to Northants' new captain Andrew Hall.

The 34-year-old South African has taken on the role after his compatriot Nicky Boje stood down over the weekend.

It has not been the easiest of starts to the campaign with the side sitting second from bottom of the County Championship and without a win in the Clydesdale Bank 40.

But Hall insists there is life in

the campaign and does not believe any problems are too deep rooted.

"I think we are just lacking a bit of confidence and a bit of momentum," he explained.

"We've got one or two guys who are putting in big displays but we need the rest of the side to put their hands up and give a few match-winning performances.

"There is no doubt we have the ability, it is just about getting

back into the groove we were in last year.

"When that clicks I'm sure we can pick up some wins.

"We had a meeting and agreed we would draw a line and start again.

"We haven't really hit our straps in either department yet, but once we regain our winning frame of mind I have no doubt we can salvage something from the season.

"We still have 10 Champion-

ship games to play and a whole Twenty20 campaign.

"I really think we can still do something."

Hall also paid tribute to the efforts of Boje, saying: "He's been massive for the club. He's done a really great job. Last year in particular he really brought everyone together and instilled a fantastic team ethic.

"That gives us something to build on.

"It's an exciting challenge for

me. It's something I've always wanted to do and I'm confident we can be successful.

"As I've played with Nicky for years and have been his vice-captain for a long time we have pretty similar styles of captaincy. I like to be very positive and aggressive."

The County are currently playing Sussex in the LV= Championship, and on Sunday take on Gloucestershire in the Clydesdale Bank 40 at Bristol.

Ashton top of the shop



THAT'S THE CLINCHER - Saracens celebrate their late try which proved pivotal in their 21-19 play-off win over Northampton Saints on Sunday, Glen Jackson converting the extra two points to seal the victory

SAINTS wing Chris Ashton was this week named Guinness Premiership Player of the Season at a ceremony in London.

The 23-year-old scored 16 tries in his 20 league matches for Saints, including hat-tricks against Gloucester and Newcastle.

Ashton's total is the highest in a single season for more than a decade, and is second only to Dominic Chapman who scored 17 tries for Richmond in 1997/98.

The award, handed out at the Hilton Metropole on Tuesday night, came just a day after Ashton attended the funeral of his father Kevin after he lost his battle against cancer.

Ashton won the Try of the Season award at the Saints' End of Season Awards Dinner on Monday night, which was picked up on his behalf by Dylan Hartley.

Team-mate Soane Tonga'uiaha, who won the *Chronicle & Echo* Supporters' Player of the Year and the Players' Player of the Year at the ceremony at Franklin's Gardens, was runner-up behind Ashton in the Guinness Premiership Player of the Season.

Phil Dowson, who was second in the *Chronicle & Echo* Supporters' Player of the Year award, was also nominated for the Guinness Premiership gong, but couldn't make it a Saints clean sweep as Saracens skipper Ernst

Joubert was third.

After being voted by Saints fans as the *Chronicle & Echo* Young Player of the Year for the second successive season, Courtney Lawes missed out on the Guinness Premiership Land Rover Discovery of the Season, which went to Leicester scrum-half Ben Youngs instead.

And despite picking up Saints' fourth trophy in his three seasons in charge by winning the LV= Cup and finishing second in the league in just their second campaign back in the top flight, Jim Mallinder missed out on the QBE Director of Rugby of the Season.

That was won by Leeds' Andy Key after they won their battle against relegation on a budget of just £2m.

The awards are timely boosts for the Saints players following the heartbreak of their 21-19 Guinness Premiership play-off semi-final defeat at the hands of Saracens at Franklin's Gardens last Sunday.

Mallinder's men had been favourites to book themselves a place at Twickenham in the final, but it will be Sarries who take on Leicester Tigers for the right to be English champions on May 29.

Saints were leading 19-14 with three minutes remaining, but a late try and then a conversion from Glen Jackson won the match for the Vicarage Road outfit in front of a sell-out 13,500 crowd.

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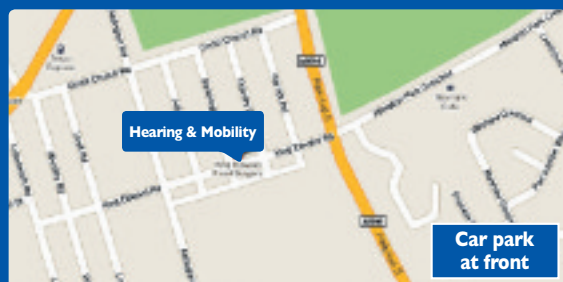
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